



December 31, 2003

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In re application of:

Paulman et al DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 09/918,922

Filed: July 30, 2001

For: FOLDED, BENT AND RE-EXPANDED HEAT EX CHANGER TUBES
AND ASSEMBLIES

This is a decision on the petition received on January 21, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice of Missing Parts of Application mailed August 22, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned October 23, 2001. The notice of abandonment was mailed on November 18, 2002.

On January 21, 2003, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice of Missing Parts mailed on August 22, 2001.

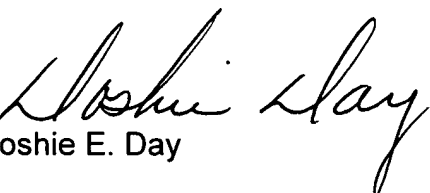
The substitute specification received on November 21, 2002, will be used to correct the filing informalities.

The petition is hereby Granted.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3743.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day (703) 308-3640.



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